

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

**COSPONSOR H.R. 4682**  
**The "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act"**

**HELP SAVE LIVES**

Dear Colleague,

We invite you to cosponsor H.R. 4682, the "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2004." This legislation provides for federal funding of stem cell research and requires strong ethical guidelines to be implemented.

Scientific progress is dependent on collaboration, openness and opportunity. We have only just begun to explore the promise and potential of stem cells. The current stem cell research policy is an obstacle to a full understanding and exploration of this pioneering research. It must be changed so that science can prevail.

**Summary of The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act:**

- No federal funds shall be used to derive stem cells or destroy embryos.
- Research on stem cell lines derived after August 9, 2001 shall be eligible for federal funding.
- Directs the Secretary to support appropriate research on stem cell lines derived from embryos that meet the following criteria:
  1. Embryos were originally created for fertility treatment purposes and are in excess of clinical need;
  2. The individuals seeking fertility treatments for whom the embryos were created have determined that the embryos will not be implanted in a woman and will be discarded; and
  3. The individuals for whom the embryos were created have provided written consent for embryo donation.

If you have any questions or if you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact: Elizabeth Wenk in Rep. Castle's office (5-4165) or Meghan Taira in Rep. DeGette's office (5-4431).

Sincerely,



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